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Hi everyone,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. As a global community, many of our students and alums have been impacted directly by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that I continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Below are important updates about [recent academic policy decisions](#) made by the University and the Mendoza College Council. Hopefully these will answer your questions and concerns, but please also reach out to us if you have additional comments. The changes described below pertain to Mendoza's graduate programs; you can find additional information about the University's undergraduate academic policies on coronavirus.nd.edu.

Grading Policies: The changes to the grading policy focus on the best options for 1) accommodating students who face particular difficulties in the new online teaching environment and 2) providing equitable treatment to all students.

For the 2020 spring semester, Mendoza is adopting a **pass/no credit** option for its graduate students. After reviewing their final letter grades, any student enrolled in the Notre Dame MBA, MSM, MSBA (South Bend and Chicago), MSA, MNA, Executive MNA, and Executive MBA (South Bend and Chicago) programs can choose to accept their letter grades, or opt into a pass/no credit option.

Those receiving a letter grade of A through C- can choose to receive a pass (P). Those receiving an F grade can choose to receive a no credit (NC). In either case, within the P/NC option, there is no impact on grade point average. Graduate business students can make this choice for any or all of their courses. This grading option does *not* apply to courses that concluded prior to March 13, 2020.

Instructions on how to elect the P/NC option will be provided later in the semester. Also, as was previously communicated, the Mendoza curve is suspended for the spring semester, which is meant to allow for more generous letter grades.

We will be offering opportunities to ask questions about the new grading policy in the coming weeks. Our student services and leadership team can also answer your questions by email.

Tuition: Our decisions regarding course instruction and access to campus have been motivated by our first priority - keeping our students, faculty, and staff safe during this unprecedented global pandemic. With this in mind, no tuition refunds are planned for spring 2020 courses at the graduate or undergraduate level. Our plan is to deliver coursework for the rest of the semester that meets learning goals of each class through online instruction in order to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. While students are rightfully disappointed not to be able to participate in the full campus experience that is a hallmark of

Notre Dame, we are committed to providing the best learning experience possible — in our teaching as well as the support of student and career services — during these unprecedented circumstances.

On behalf of the Mendoza leadership, faculty and staff, we are thankful for the positive attitude and grace that so many of you have shown, but we also know you face many challenges across all facets of your lives. We reiterate our concern for students' health and safety during this difficult period, and our continued commitment to relieve additional stress due to concerns over grading and coursework where we can. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, Kelli Kilpatrick, our student services team, or faculty members if we can be of help to you during these uncertain times.

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